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Re: *Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service*
Docket No. 00-00523

Dear Mr. Waddell:

On August 7, 2000, BellSouth filed a Petition to Intervene in this proceeding. That Petition is pending.

On September 5, 2000, the Coalition of Small LECs and Cooperatives filed Comments in this proceeding. Those Comments included a number of claims with respect to BellSouth, including claims as to the amount of revenue which the rural LECs allege they will lose as a result of BellSouth's proposal to exercise its rights under its contracts with each member of the Coalition. The Coalition also specifically requested in its Comments that the Authority "direct BellSouth to maintain the existing arrangements between BellSouth and the independents with respect to intraLATA toll until the matters before the Authority in this proceeding are resolved." See Coalition Comments at pages 3 and 29-30.

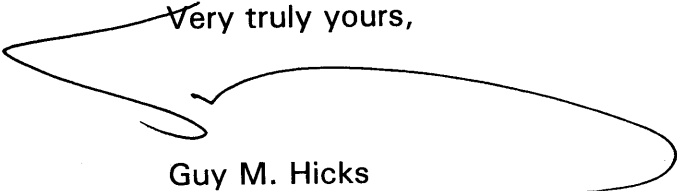
BellSouth takes issue with the Coalition's claims and has a direct interest in both the settlement payments it makes to and receives from the members of the Coalition, and in defending itself against the Coalitions' request that the Authority should enter Orders against BellSouth. BellSouth may have a direct interest in other

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issues raised by the Coalition as well. BellSouth's interests will not be adequately represented unless the Authority allows BellSouth to intervene. Moreover, BellSouth wishes to file a formal response to the Coalition's Comments. Therefore, BellSouth renews its request to be granted leave to intervene in this proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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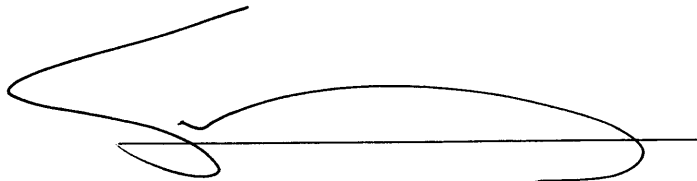
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